

PUBLIC WORKS

Numerous Improvements on the Different Islands.

THE AGGREGATE IS LARGE

Many New Roads Being Built—Steel Bridges to be Erected—Work on the Lighthouse.

Just at the present time there is a large amount of public work being done on roads, bridges, and other improvements, distributed throughout the different islands of the group and while the showing is not very great in any one place the aggregate is a very large amount.

On account of the delay in receiving the appropriations voted, actual work has only recently begun in most cases, but everything possible was mapped out beforehand and careful arrangements made to push the work with all possible despatch as soon as it was possible to inaugurate it and this is now being done.

The big island is getting the greater share of the new machinery that has been purchased and of the appropriations for public work that were voted last summer. A large force of men are at work on the road from North Kona to Kohala and another gang on the road from South Kona to Kailua. When these roads are finished and the gap closed between Honolulu and Laupahoehoe, on which a good force is also at work, the belt around the big island will be completed.

It is anticipated that all of the above work, with the exception of the piece between North Kona and Kohala, will be finished this year. On the North Kona section, the appropriation is insufficient to complete it as should be done. Another piece of road on which the contract has been let and on which work is progressing rapidly is the section through Puna, towards Kilauea. This will probably be finished at an early date.

Hilo has a new steam roller which is giving a good account of itself by this time. The contract has been let for three miles of road in Oahu, paralleling the Volcano road and at a distance of three miles from it. This road starts from the road that branches from the Volcano, 15½ miles above Hilo. The new road runs mauka from the cross road, and is through a section of land that is destined to become very valuable.

Tenders have been advertised for seven steel bridges, of which Waiakana, Wailuku and Pihonua in Hilo each get one. One is to go in at Ninole and another at Manaloa, North Hilo, one at Hanalei, Kauai, and one at Kipapa, on this island.

Considerable work is also going forward on Maui, as roads are being opened up through the lands where the new Nahiku plantation is to be located. Contracts have been let and work begun on the road from Nahiku landing to the main road and Hilo have just been opened for seven miles of main road and two miles of branches connecting the Nahiku landing road and Hilo. It is anticipated, however, that the appropriation will only allow the construction of six miles of the main road in this place. The survey is also progressing from this road towards Makawao. Mr. Maynard has already gone to Maui to stake out a section of new road in Kula from the homesteads towards Makawao.

Six more rock crushers have lately been purchased from Henshaw, Bulkeley & Co., of San Francisco, represented here by Mr. A. L. Young, and they have already been forwarded to various points in the islands where they can be used to the best advantage.

On Oahu, matters are rather quiet. Work is going along steadily on the Pali road, two miles of which are now graded. The contract calls for the completion of the job by June 30, and it looks very much as if a livelier movement would have to be forthcoming if the contractors wish to be within the time limit. The rock work on the Diamond Head lighthouse, for which the Legislature made a special appropriation last summer, after an exhaustive examination into the matter, is nearly finished, and it is hoped to have the light in working operation next month. If this light had been burning when the O'Brien arrived off port the chances are that she would still be aloft, as with the new danger signal it will take great carelessness to get too far in without being aware of it.

Under the direction of the Road Board on Kauai there is also being a considerable amount of work done, but a large proportion of it is in the line of repairs. About the only new work that is under way there being the making of a new grade into Maloia.

The dredger is idle at present, but it will begin operations again in a few days.

Death of Sir Julius Vogel.

LONDON, March 13.—Sir Julius Vogel, the colonial statesman writer, is dead.

Sir Julius Vogel, K. C. M. G., was born in London, in 1835, and went to Australia in 1852, where he engaged in various pursuits, including journalism. He went to New Zealand in 1861,

and established the first daily newspaper in the colony, the Otago Daily Times, which he edited for several years. He became head of the provincial government in 1866, retaining that office until 1869. He afterwards held other offices, and visited England by way of San Francisco in 1871.

Sir Julius passed through Honolulu during the seventies, and made the acquaintance of government officials here. Of late years he resided in England, but was always interested in Colonial affairs, and some of the best projects in New Zealand were initiated during his administration. He held office in that colony as late as 1887. For the past ten years he resided in England.

Stock Divided.

The directors and shareholders of Honokaa met yesterday morning. It was decided to reincorporate and to increase the present capital stock to \$2,000,000. The stock was divided into \$20 shares. Each present holder of shares will receive four additional for each one.

EXTENSION PLANS

Lectures for the University Work Arranged.

Prof. Henry Rolfe will be the Lecturer—Great interest manifested—The Subjects.

Lectures of the University Extension course will begin next week. Prof. Henry W. Rolfe of the University of Chicago will arrive by the Doric next Tuesday, and will give the first lecture on next Thursday evening at either the Y. M. C. A. or the High School.

Great interest is being manifested in the proposed plan. Sufficient money has been raised to defray the expenses of the proposed lecture course which shows that the interest is substantial, not ephemeral.

The regular work of the University Extension course is divided under different heads. It begins with instructing and stimulating the hearers to think, and ends with having original effort in discussing the vital questions of the day.

The choice of Prof. Rolfe to make the beginning in the work is a fortunate one. In addition to being a successful organizer he is a thoughtful, eloquent talker.

His lectures will include the important works of famous nineteenth century authors, among which will be: Idylls of the King, Tennyson; Vanity Fair, Thackeray; Sartor Resartus, Carlyle; Essays of Stevenson; Essays of Elia, Lamb.

These are but a few of a long attractive list. In addition to the regular lecture there will be a general discussion of the author and the work in question. The lectures will be free, and it is hoped that the interest will be maintained.

A Wise Decision.

The Kindergarten Association is still beloved of the public, remembered by it, and cared for as the report of the Financial Secretary proved at the April meeting.

The important subject of discussion at this meeting was, "Are we eligible for membership in the Associated Charities?" As a Children's Aid Society, it would seem that we are, and affiliation with that body will guard against the misplacement of donations, and the ill use of moneys which should go to serve worthy needs. The matter was thoroughly ventilated, and was voted in the affirmative.

Thus the Kindergarten Association now stands shoulder to shoulder with the most advanced thought of the day.

Missionaries Excluded

No more Gilbert Island missionaries being allowed to preach on Pleasant Island by the German government, Mr. De la Porte, the missionary who left on the Morning Star yesterday, who is a German by birth and speaks that language fluently will, it is thought, be allowed to preach to the natives there. Pleasant Island is under the German flag, but the congregation of Kawaihau church has long been supporting a mission there with \$180 a year.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR COLIC AND DIARRHOEA.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children. W. A. Stroud, Pocumuck City, Md. For sale by Benson Smith & Co., Ltd. Wholesale Agents for H. I. and all Druggists and Dealers.

LARGE LAND DEAL

W. C. Achi Buys Immense Tracts in South Kona.

FOR STOCK GRAZING PURPOSES

Rumored However That it May be Another Plantation—Will Supply the Market with Meat.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A large land transaction was closed yesterday. W. C. Achi obtained 13,000 acres of the Honomailino ranch and other lands situated in South Kona from J. M. Monsarrat. Leaseholds are given for 5000 acres while the remaining 8000 are bought outright in fee simple. The price paid by Mr. Achi was \$50,000.

At present a portion of these lands is used for grazing purposes, there being a few hundred head of cattle and horses now roaming over the territory. About forty acres, however, are planted in coffee and are leased to Japanese.

It is not definitely known what the real estate man intends to do with his new purchase. The fact that he will be accompanied by Mr. Halsdell naturally leads to the thought that another plantation is on the tapis.

When seen concerning his intentions Mr. Achi said that he had no intention of starting a plantation and that Mr. Halsdell accompanies him merely as a guest. He affirms that it is his intention to turn the property into a large grazing tract. He says that there is no excuse for the fact that beef is imported to these islands, and intends to furnish a plentiful supply for the market.

Another plantation is to be started on Lanai. The site of this last one proposed is the Palawai lands which are situated on the opposite side of the island from the new Maunaloa plantation. The promoter of the new scheme is W. H. Pain, manager of the Tramway Co. It is expected that the subscription list will be opened in a few days.

The tract in consideration includes about 4000 acres of available cane land. Some time ago when the proposed site was being looked over some cane was planted which has since come up very well. The lands are situated in the higher part of the island.

The new plantation will be capitalized at about \$1,500,000. The shares will be divided up into \$20 each with 10 per cent. assessments. The greater portion of the stock will be placed on the local market.

A Literary Curiosity.

Mons. Camavarr, Consul General for Portugal, is the possessor of a unique booklet or libretto. It is the smallest dictionary of the French and English language ever published. It is slightly over an inch in length and three-eighths of an inch in thickness; has



A WONDERFUL BOOK. (Exact Size.)

over 5,000 words—apparently 647 pages. The volume is kept in a small metallic case, in which is set a magnifying glass, that enables a person with good sight to read every line. It was published by the celebrated Pears' Soap proprietors of England, and has no doubt had an important influence in making its publishers among the most noted as they are among the wealthiest soap-makers in England. Its owner prizes this volume as a valuable reference book, and it certainly is among the smallest books ever published.

From Newcastle, N. S. W.

The last advices from Newcastle report as follows: Honolulu.—In this direction four vessels sailed, under home charter, with the quantities of coal as stated: On the 26th February, the American schooner W. H. Talbot, with 1340 tons East Greta coal; on the 28th February, the American schooner George C. Perkins, with 610 tons Greta coal; on the 4th March, the American ship John C. Potter, with 1814 tons Duckenfield coal; on the 12th March, the American five-masted schooner Inca, with 1580 tons Duckenfield coal. The rate of freight is quoted at 15 shillings. The schooner Golden Shore and bark Colusa are in port for Honolulu.

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